



**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 26, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE ROLL at 10:03 AM

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 28th was deferred for pending correction to presentation item details.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
 - HOPWA: A brief review of the plans for a Projects of National Significance Grant application highlighted the community network among HIV AIDS providers, use of a database to identify and refer consumers to housing services, and a partnership with the San Diego Housing Federation as the applicant. A new liaison between the RCCC and the community planning group will be created. *Action*: The RCCC membership unanimously approved writing a letter of support to be included in the submittal.
 - Merge of CoCs: *Action Update*: On July 12th, HUD officially approved the RCCC request to merge the two CoC areas into a single CoC formally called the ‘San Diego City and County CoC’ using the CA601 number. Organizations applying for funds, preparing progress reports, or using the HDX for information should be certain to carefully review the information tied to the CA601 number since it was previously tied only to the City of San Diego area. The RCCC has HUD’s approval to refer to the merged CoC as the San Diego Regional CoC.
 - COC Application:
 - CoC : Lead Agents announced a three day extension to the deadline for submittal of verification documents for renewal projects. Documents must be submitted by Friday.
 - Recommendation to revise of rules regarding Bonus Project Funds: The Steering Committee recommends that the RCCC approve the following changes to the rules regarding application for Bonus Project (new project) funds:
 - Applications will be received and compared regionally with the top projects identified by score.
 - The former award restriction by subregion is amended so that multiple projects will be allowed with a sub-regional cap of \$1.0 million (ie the total for projects in the City or County areas would not exceed a million dollars collectively.)
 - The revised rule will be reviewed in one year.
 - The Rating and Review group are asked to update the scoring tool, if necessary, to assure that there is not bias toward larger organizations.
 - *Action*: The members approved the recommendations of the Steering Committee at full consensus with 3 abstaining.
 - Note: The HUD HRE website has a new look. Access to Esnap is now located in a menu on the left side of the homepage.

- US Interagency Coalition meeting: A special session of the Steering Committee was held on July 21st so that representatives of the Steering group and key partners could meet with Deputy Director Anthony Love from the national Interagency Coalition on Homelessness (ICH) and Region IX Director, Ed Cabrera. We noted that our CoC has been active on a voluntary basis for more than a decade, and our members are often mission-driven (which can withstand the tests of time and politics). We also noted the RCCC philosophy to serve all homeless persons and to offer an array of housing and service options. We have received a very complimentary response from the Deputy Director. (material from the session are available)
- Section 8 Pilot: The formal agreement between the County, the transitional housing agencies, and the RCCC has been signed and executed. A detailed training for program implementation and referrals was held on July 20th. *Important note*: Only the agency representatives that were present at the training are authorized to submit referrals.
- Select Committee on Homelessness (see written legislative report) Assemblywoman Toni Atkins, chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Homelessness, convened the San Diego hearing called the Road Home with a focus on veterans' and chronic homelessness to a crowded room of service providers and housing advocates Wednesday, July 20. She and the other members of her committee, including representatives from the U.S, Interagency Council on Homelessness, listened to testimony on issues related to veterans' housing needs and existing programs, homeless court, the downturn in donations being experienced by local providers, Project 25, local homeless data and ending homelessness downtown. New legislation addressing the needs of homeless individuals and families is expected to be introduced as a result of these hearings.
- **SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS**
 - Rating & Review: Holly Younghans: The R & R committee is working on guidelines and documents for the anticipate 2011 NOFA. This is a relatively seasonal, task-oriented committee and new members are welcome. The next meeting is Wednesday August 3 at ECS. Please contact Holly Younghans if interested in participating.
 - Human Trafficking – Kellye Bojorquez reported on the first meeting of the Anti-Human Trafficking subgroup. Investment in this issue is expanding. A Committee on the Sexual and Criminal Exploitation of children (CESEC) has been formed. Questions include: who are these victims, where they go, how they will be served. Past efforts have focused on adults now we need to focus on minors. The OFccis of Education is interests in exploring minors rights and the opportunities to serve them. A session with the members of the Sheriff;s Department or HT Task Force is planned. The next subgroup meeting is August 11th at 9:30 AM.
 - Data Governance and HMIS – There have been changes to the electronic APR that require an ART license to generate the APR. To coordinate access, contact Kat at RTFH ext. 13. Note that you must have a data quality report to complete the new APR.
 - Employment Committee –David Siegler, Jack Micklos. In recess.
 - Manual Committee - Manual was approved for distribution. Brief recess.

- MHSA and CSH – Tricia Tasto Levien announced opportunity to nominate candidates for the first-ever CSH California Supportive Housing Quality Awards Awards. See: http://documents.csh.org/documents/ca/CSH_CA_Awards2011.pdf
- Strategic Planning Reports
 - ARS - Don Stump-Laurin Pause: ARS is preparing an annual report on services offered in the 2010-2011 season. The group is looking to find solutions to address the challenges in securing on-going dedicated sites.
 - Downtown Partnership & Vulnerability Index – looking to expand the Index to other areas by 2013. Will report on first year progress in September.
 - HOC- HOC held a grand opening for its expanded services. HOC can now offer Home Clinics, walk in services such as housing kiosk at Smart Center, a link with 211, and is advancing their video-conferencing capabilities. New partners are sought to link to the project. A new Fresh Food for Families initiative includes linking volunteers who are willing to glean privately owned trees, fields and orchards with feeding organizations. Contact Myrna Pascual at HUD or HOC if interested: 619-283-2200.
 - HPRP Update – Laurin Pause – State has discontinued advance payments to contractors placing a burden on programs, The north region project is continuing services and the waiting list has nearly doubled.
 - Keys to Housing – Pat Leslie – Members were provided with a one page overview and an opportunity to provide endorsement, link web resources, or offer feedback on barriers. This is the project the RCCC voted to enter into negotiations with SD Grantmakers to assume.
 - Project Homeless Connect - Lauren Pause, announced a North County Project Homeless Connect Wednesday, Nov. 16 on the campus of Cal State San Marcos
 - Reentry & Discharge Planning – Because of changes at the state level, San Diego expects increased demand for housing and services and influx of reentry clients from prisons starting in Dec. - Jan. Some offenders will need to be held at the local level, and local Probation Departments will need to supervise. Some impacted services include: men's facilities at East Mesa, So Metro Career, Center Star, and Exodus programs. Jack Micklos from Second Chance (RCCC agency that targets reentry and offenders) helps to liaison with the criminal justice institutions and community network.
- Legislative Committee – Rosemary Johnston, Kathi Houck. Please see full written report for information on many items. Highlights include:
 - **Federal Report**
 - H.R. 2441, Eliminating the Housing Trust Fund
 - COC NOFA required registration deadline July 25th
 - NAEH Conference highlights
 - New Resources Reports
 - **State Report:**
 - Homeless Senate hearings in San Diego and Los Angeles
 - AB 1167(Fong) to create a state Interagency on Homelessness
 - AB826(Atkins) Integrated Services for Mentally Ill Parolees Program
 - Redevelopment agencies eliminated or required to pay the State.
 - Medi-cal changes: co-payments, limited visits, lower reimbursement.

- **Local Report:**
 - San Diego city council rejects Housing Commission linkage fee proposal
 - Veterans Village of San Diego report on Standdown,
 - San Diego Housing Federation new address, 110 W. C St., suite 1811, San Diego, Ca. 92101(new suite number).
 - SDHF roundtable on Redevelopment and legal issues
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 2011 Drive for Success – A 4 week campaign to garner new supplies for homeless children (about 13,000 homeless were identified by the schools in 2010). Contact Sophie Lor at 858-503-2727.
 - Katheryn Rhoades offered information regarding local use of redevelopment funds and specific requests to Pam Ison (redevelopment alternative task) and to State Counsel. Due to time constraints, the item was carried to the August meeting.
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- **ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 30th
10:00-11:30 AM**

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